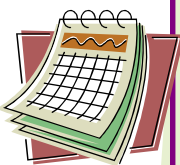


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**November 15th is  
AMERICA RECYCLES  
DAY!**

Can you think of ways to make a difference **ALL MONTH LONG**? Check out this list of action ideas to reduce waste, and choose one for each week!



☐ **IDEA #1:**

**Help to educate your school!** Create posters of what **CAN** and **CAN'T** be recycled at your school. Put them up next to classroom recycle bins and throughout the halls. You can find information about recycling by visiting [www.metrokc.gov/dnr/kidsweb](http://www.metrokc.gov/dnr/kidsweb) or go to [www.planetpals.com](http://www.planetpals.com) for free posters and recycling quiz games.

☐ **IDEA #2:**

**Build a REUSE bin for your classroom** so you can use paper scraps and one-sided papers again before you recycle them. Take an old cardboard box and decorate it with already used items such as bits of construction paper, magazine cut-outs, or bottle caps. Place your new reuse bin next to the recycle bin and post a sign above both to remind the class what goes where.

☐ **IDEA #3:**

**Cut down on garbage** in your classroom by organizing a waste-free snack day. On Monday, ask your class to measure how full the garbage cans are after regular snack time. Then challenge each student to bring Tuesday's snack in reusable package (or no packaging at all). After snack time, be sure to measure the garbage cans again and chart the difference. Note all of the natural resources conserved in one day. Think about making it a weekly challenge!


☐ **IDEA #4:**


**Create "REUSED" art!** With so many holidays around the corner make your own decorations, gifts, or wrapping paper using up what you already have. Check out [www.make-stuff.com](http://www.make-stuff.com) for great ideas about what to do with old scraps of paper, junk-mail CDs, egg cartons, plastic bottles and more! Or better yet, consider gifts that make **NO** waste, such as trips to the movies, zoo, favorite restaurants or a concert.


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## FALL GREEN TEAMS IN ACTION!


- **Luke Talbot's** 4th grade class at the **Bellevue Children's Academy** is starting up a new paper recycling program for their school. The school recently moved and the new site had no recycling. This class learned all about recyclables and is working hard to teach the rest of the school through posters, skits and even their own comics featuring "Can Boy and the Evil Trash Can!" 

- At **Crestwood Elementary**, **Wendy Shol's** Defenders of the Planet Club is off to a running start this year. This Green Team has already started two new school worm bins, acted as recycling monitors at the school Open House, and performed all-school litter pick ups twice each week. Way to go Defenders of the Planet! 

- **Justine Hurley's** 5th/6th grade class at **Lockwood Elementary** is undertaking a year-long project. They are working with the City of Kenmore to adopt and restore a local stream. This will include water quality analysis, insect identification, non-native plant removal and the creation of interpretive signs. Hats off to them for working to make a difference in their local community! 

- At **Dick Scobee Elementary**, **Miss Puckett's** 5th grade Green Team is making use of their old paper scraps! They used paper with writing on one side to make brand new journals. The journals were then decorated with magazine cut-outs and bound together with twigs!



- Worm bins are inching their way through classrooms accross the County. Students started new worm bins at **Southern Heights Elementary** in **Maggie Heater** and **Christin Weller's** 3rd/4th grade classrooms, in **Cim Dew's** 5th/6th grade class at **Audubon Elementary**, and at **St. Francis of Assisi** in the 4th grade classes of **Patty Bailey** and **Margaret Clinton**. 



These Green Teams are cutting down on waste by learning about how worms can be great food scrap recyclers.



### Your Green Team Accomplishments

can be highlighted in the next Green Gram Newsletter. If you have a Green Team story or project to share, you can reach Sara by phone at (206) 583-0655 or send an email to [saragr@triangleassociates.com](mailto:saragr@triangleassociates.com) and let her know what your class is doing.

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